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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

McNEIL et al.

Serial No.: 10/008,263

Filed: 11/07/2001

Atty. Docket No.: 3123-387

For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR INCREASING TRACK  
DENSITY BY ADAPTING WRITE  
FAULT GATE TO POSITION  
ERROR SIGNAL AS IT VARIES  
FROM ID TO OD"

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004 (Paper No. 8). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this Reply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the credit card identified on Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$950.00 for the three-month extension fee.

Please note that the **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Please also note that the **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper, while the **Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.

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Examiner: Wong, Kin C.

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF MARCH 23, 2004**

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